

# ~~Recreational Striped Bass Fishery~~

## *Hooks, Bait and Striped Bass:*



*Public Hearing*

*Annapolis Friends Meeting House*

*May 17, 2018*

## ~Proposed Changes~

The following presentation will highlight the proposed changes to the recreational striped bass fishery. We will focus on 4 general topics:

### Emergency v. Proposed Regulations

*Timeline review and status of the 2 regulatory tracks*

### Time and Area of Proposed Changes

### Minimum Size Limit Change

### Definitions for Fishing Methods / Hooks



## ~Background~

Discard Mortality Increases - Addendum IV (20 inch min)

Recreational Stakeholders Engage with DNR

*Ask us to work on solving the problem*

Conservation Equivalency Proposal - ASMFC

*Looked at a wide range of management solutions*

ASMFC Approves Proposal in February 2018

*Circle Hooks with Bait and a 19" min*

Implementation by May 16, 2018

## ~Emergency v. Proposed Regulations~

### Emergency Regulations

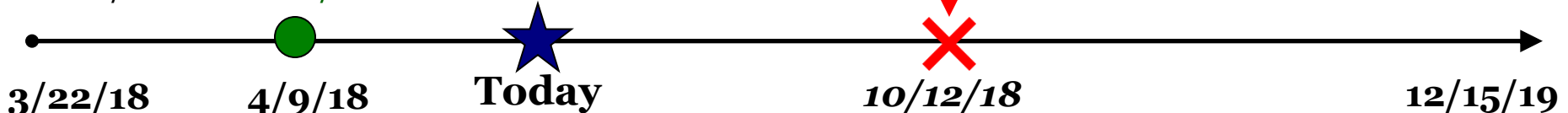
AELR - 10 day min. for action  
Approved on May 3  
Regulations Effective: May 16 – Oct 12



### Proposed Regulations

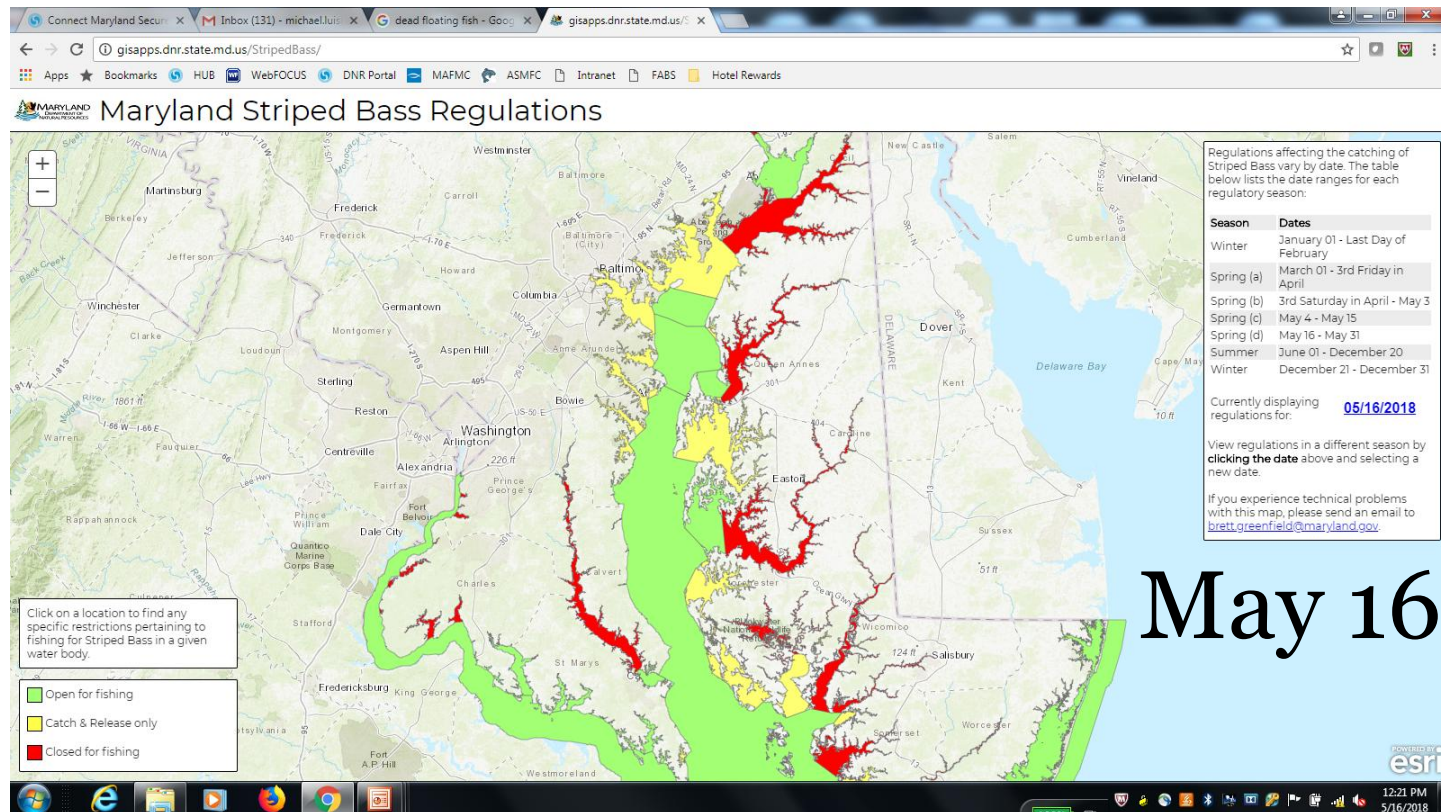
Tonight's Public Hearing  
Extends Rules for 2018 and 2019  
(Currently Effective)

E/P resubmitted/modifications



## ~Time and Area~

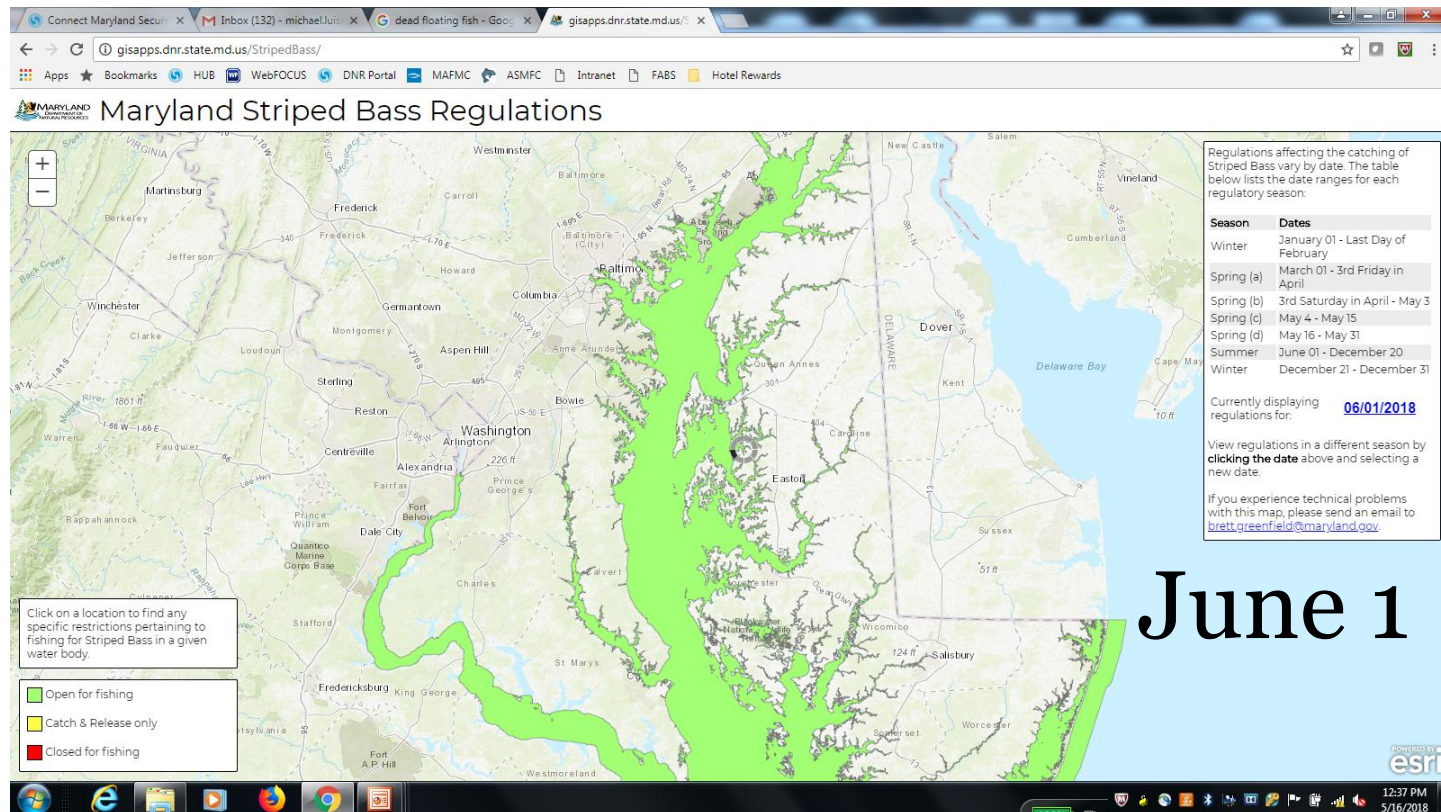
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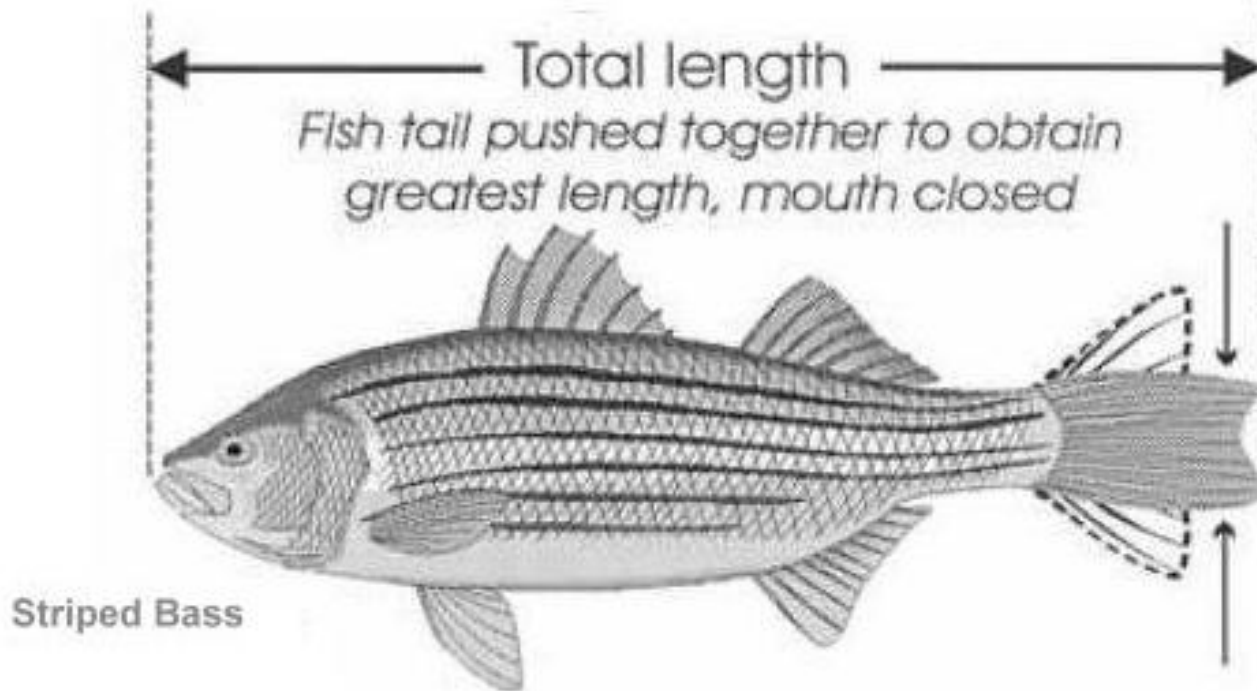


## ~Time and Area~

(Open Fishing Areas) Chesapeake Bay and Tidal Tributaries  
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## ~Minimum Size~



**19 Inches**

*Chesapeake Bay and Tidal Tributaries  
May 16 – December 15 (2018 & 2019)*

## ~Definitions / Fishing Methods~

### **Chumming**

...means placing fish, parts of fish or other natural or manmade attractants upon which fish might feed, in the water, not attached to a hook, for the purpose of attracting fish to a particular area so that they might be caught.

### **Live-Lining**

...means using a live finfish on a hook for the purpose of catching other fish with: (a) Hook and line; (b) Rod and reel; or (c) Handlines.



## ~Definitions / Fishing Methods~

**When chumming or live-lining**, a person recreationally angling in the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries during the periods May 16, 2018 through December 15, 2018 and May 16, 2019 through December 15, 2019 *shall only use a circle hook*.



**A circle hook is defined as:** a non-offset hook with the point turned perpendicularly back to the shank.



## ~Definitions / Fishing Methods~

**(Bait Fishing...but NOT Chumming or Live-Lining)...**when using fish, crabs, or worms as bait, or processed bait, a person recreationally angling in the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries during the periods May 16, 2018 through December 15, 2018 and May 16, 2019 through December 15, 2019 *shall only use a: (a) Circle hook; or (b) “J” hook.*

**Circle Hook**



**Treble Hook**



**J Hook**



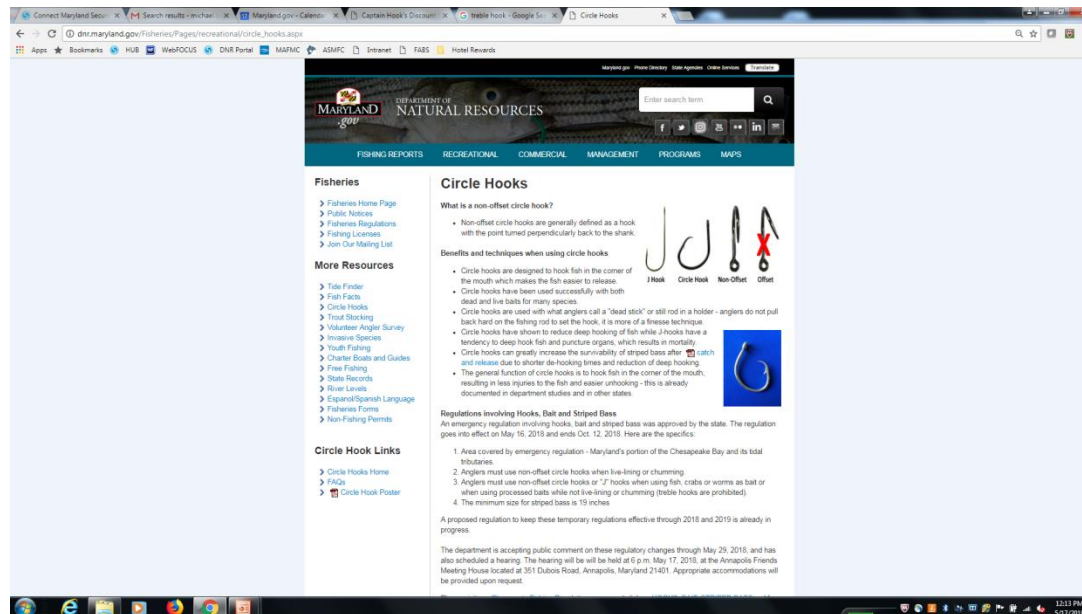
## ~Need More Information~

### View the Proposed Regulation Online

<http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/regulations/changes.aspx#circle>

### DNR Website

[http://dnr.maryland.gov/Fisheries/Pages/recreational/circle\\_hooks.aspx](http://dnr.maryland.gov/Fisheries/Pages/recreational/circle_hooks.aspx)



The screenshot shows the Maryland Department of Natural Resources website. The main navigation bar includes links for Fishing Reports, Recreational, Commercial, Management, Programs, and Maps. The left sidebar contains links for Fisheries (Home Page, Public Notices, Regulations, Licenses, Mailing List) and More Resources (Tide Finder, Fish Facts, Circle Hooks, Trout Stocking, Volunteer Angler Survey, Invasive Species, Youth Fishing, Charter Boat and Guides, Free Fishing, State Records, River Levels, Expanded Spanish Language, Fisheries Forms, Non-Fishing Permits). The main content area is titled "Circle Hooks" and includes a definition of non-offset circle hooks, benefits and techniques for using them, and regulations involving hooks, bait, and striped bass. A diagram illustrates the difference between a J hook and a circle hook, showing the circle hook's point angled back to the shark's mouth. The regulations section lists four points: 1. Area covered by emergency regulation - Maryland's portion of the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries. 2. Anglers must use non-offset circle hooks when live-lining or chumming. 3. Anglers must use non-offset circle hooks or "J" hooks when using fish, crabs or worms as bait or when using processed baits while not live-lining or chumming (twine hooks are prohibited). 4. The minimum size for striped bass is 15 inches. A proposed regulation to keep these temporary regulations effective through 2018 and 2019 is already in progress. The department is accepting public comment on these regulatory changes through May 29, 2018, and has also scheduled a hearing. The hearing will be held at 6 p.m. May 17, 2018, at the Annapolis Friends Meeting House located at 3511 Dubois Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401. Appropriate accommodations will be provided upon request.

## ~Next Steps~

Comment Period: Runs through May 29, 2018

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Submission of Final Regulation: June 22, 2018

Proposed Action Effective: July 2, 2018

Annual Report / Review to ASMFC

Consider Extending Past 2019...Late 2019

